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SUBJECT: STARKIST SCIENTIST TEMPORARILY JAILED

REF: ACCRA 3781 (NOTAL)

1. STARKIST MANAGER HERE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING BRIEF SUMMARY (IN LIEU OF FULL REPORT MENTIONED REFTEL) OF STARKIST PROPOSAL FOR FISHING IN GABON. THIS SUMMARY MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY LIBREVILLE IN RESPONDING REFTEL.

2. STARKIST PROPOSAL FALLS INTO TWO PARTS: SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM. (A) SHORT-TERM. STARKIST SEEKS (1) UP TO 24 LICENSES FOR TUNA TRAWLERS TO FISH IN GABON WATERS; (2) PERMISSION TO TRANSSHIP TUNA CARGOS DIRECTLY FROM VESSEL TO VESSEL AT ANCHOR (THERE ARE NO COLD STORAGE FACILITIES AND HENCE NORMAL PRACTICE OF TRANSSHIPPING BY UNLOADING AT DOCK AND RELOADING IS NOT PRACTICABLE); (3) RIGHT TO SELL SMALL AMOUNTS OF FISH IN GABON, AND (4) PERMISSION TO PROVISION VESSELS. (B) LONG-TERM. STARKIST OFFERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING COLD STORAGE AND SUPPORT FACILITIES, LOOKING TOWARD CREATION OF SUBSIDIARY OR OTHER COMPANY  
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WITH STARKIST-INTEREST IN GABON, GRADUALLY EXPANDING FACILITIES TO INCLUDE TUNA CANNERY.

3. STARKIST MANAGING DIRECTOR HERE ALSO TELLS US THAT STARKIST LOS ANGELES HAS DISCUSSED INCIDENT (REFTEL) WITH BOTH GABONESE AND GHANAIAAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND MAY WELL RAISE MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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4. IN RELATED EVENT, WEEKLY "MIRROR" REPORTS MAY 12  
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GHANA'S STATE FISHING CORPORATION'S  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SFC HAS ACQUIRED FISHING RIGHTS IN  
SIERRA LEONE AND GABON TO "ENABLE HER DEEP-SEA VESSELS  
TO FISH IN THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS." STARKIST IS CHECKING  
ON THIS REPORT.  
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